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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: VOLUNTARY VISITOR

PROGRAM: VICTOR HAROLD RIGAMOTO

1. SUVA NOMINATES VICTOR H. RIGAMOTO FOR PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY VISITOR PROGRAM. HE IS SENIOR WELFARE OFFICER, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF FIJI. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE ADI (PRONOUNCED ANDY, A TITLE) LOSALINI DOVI WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 1976 LIVE (LEARN THROUGH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EFFORT) CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 25-30.

2. RIGAMOTO PLANS TO SPEND TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE LOOKING INTO U.S. METHODS AND TREATMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS WHO UNDERGO CUSTODIAL SENTENCES. THE EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE SPEND ONE WEEK IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THE SECOND WEEK IN HAWAII TO STUDY PROGRAMS IN BOTH LOCATIONS. HIS MINISTRY WILL BE SPONSORING THIS EXTRA TRAVEL AND HAS AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL. HIS EXACT TRAVEL PLANS ARE NOT FIRM AND ARE CONTINGENT ON CU AND RECEPTION CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS.

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3. BIO DATA AS FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: VICTOR HAROLD RIGAMOTO

AGE: 34 YEARS

EDUCATION: DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SWANSEA, WALES

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

WORK EXPERIENCE: PRESENTLY SENIOR WELFARE OFFICER, AND IS
ADMINISTRATIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTHERN DIVISION WELFARE
OFFICE. HIS AREA OF WORK COVERS PROBATION, CHILD CARE,
MARRIAGE GUIDANCE, AND WORK WITH STUDENTS AT THE NASINU
BOYS CENTER AND GIRLS HOME. HE ALSO SUPERVISES SAMABULA
OLD PEOPLES HOME. HE IS A LIEUTENANT IN THE TERRITORIAL
DEFENCE FORCES RESERVE.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH CALIFORNIA YOUTH
AUTHORITY AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN BAY AREA, PERHAPS WITH
VISIT ONE OR TWO DAYS TO SACRAMENTO. SIGHTSEEING AND HOME
HOSPITALITY WOULD BE WELCOME. PROGRAM DETAILS CAN BE FINALIZED
IN CONSULTATION WITH RIGAMOTO DURING WEEK OF CONFERENCE,
AND WE LEAVE THE REST TO INIMITABLE BEHRENS TOUCH. IN
HONOLULU PROGRAM COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH MORRIS FOX, FORMER
UN ADVISOR TO SOUTH PACIFIC WHO IS SPECIALIST IN SOCIAL WEL-
FARE PROGRAMS.

5. HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS STILL NOT CERTAIN, BUT IF NECESSARY
TO MAKE SUGGEST MODERATE PRICED ACCOMMODATIONS SINCE HE
WILL BE ON LIMITED PER DIEM FROM GOVERNMENT OF FIJI.
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